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Under the old syllabuses there were three higher elementary standards, viz., Standards VI, VII and VIII and the pre-vocational instructor would have 18 periods of work in all the three standards put together. Each school could have a pre-vocational instructor on a full-time basis.

Under the revised syllabuses higher elementary standards have been reduced to two standards, viz., VI and VII and the number of periods of work for a pre-vocational instructor has got reduced from 18 to 12 periods with the result that the department advised the managements to appoint pre-vocational instructors only on a part-time basis if fresh appointments are made but to continue the full-time pre-vocational instructors as such during 1962-63.

IV.-GOVERNMENT MOTION.

TRANSACTION OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS ON A NON-OFFICIAL DAY.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Sir, I move—
"That Rule 23 (1) of the Assembly Rules be suspended and
the House do resolve to transact Government business on Thursday, 28th February 1963."

Mr. SPEAKER: The question is:

"That Rule 23 (1) of the Assembly Rules be suspended and the House do resolve to transact Government business on Thursday, 28th February 1963."

The motion was put and carried.

V.—GOVERNMENT BILL.

THE MADRAS ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT AND ADDITIONAL WATER-CESS BILL, 1963 (L.A. BILL NO. 4 OF 1963).

12-00 THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg leave to present the report of the Select Committee on the Madras Additional Assessment and Additional Water-Cess Bill, 1963 (L.A. Bill No. 4 of 1963) and move—

'That the Bill as amended by the Select Committee be taken into consideration'.

The Report and Proceedings of the Select Committee have been printed and supplied to all the Members.

The Select Committee considered the assessments in the different districts of the State and decided to make certain changes reducing the percentage increases and the ceilings in respect of additional wet assessment and also additional water-cess. The following are the principal changes made by the Select Committee: